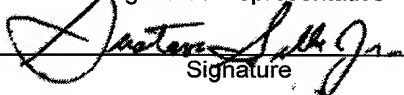


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office action dated January 11, 2006. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the objections and rejections to this application in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 7.